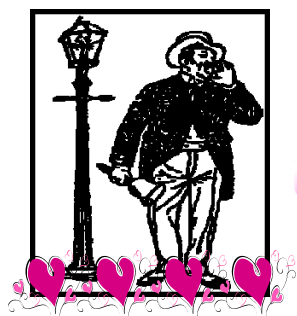


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DISCOVERY GARDEN

Gardening enthusiasts are invited to attend a series of gardening classes held in cooperation with Hollidaysburg Borough and Penn State Extension. Tom Ford, Area Commercial Horticulture Educator with Penn State Extension, Cambria County teaches the classes.

The series of classes are free and open to the public. In return, participants agree to volunteer 18 hours at the Discovery Garden in Legion Park throughout the growing season from May to October 2015. Participants will receive a certificate of completion after the classes are over. Volunteers agree to work a minimum of two to three hours a week during the gardening season. Volunteer assignments include spring cleanup, planting, weeding, deadheading, guiding garden tours and helping with special events. Other opportunities are available for volunteers interested in providing educational activities for individuals participating in the horticultural therapy program of Skills and other community groups.

Class topics will include:
Session I: Plant Health Care Begins with Soil Quality: Ford will discuss how gardeners can improve soil fertility through the use of cover crop, compost, and organic fertilizers. **Session II: Plant Health Care Starts with Plant Selection, Planting, and Maintenance:** Ford will discuss how to expertly select, plant, and maintain landscape plants. **Session III: Plant Health Care: Using Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Techniques in Landscape Settings:** Ford will discuss how to apply IPM practices/techniques in your garden & landscape. **Session IV: Plant Health Care: Application of Horticultural Best Management Practices in Landscape Settings:** Ford will demonstrate how gardeners can employ best management practices through hands-on activities at the Discovery Garden in Hollidaysburg.

Classes will be held on the following **Thursdays** in April:

April 2, 9:00 a.m. to noon at the Hollidaysburg Mu-

nicipal Building
April 9, 9:00 a.m. to noon at the Hollidaysburg Municipal Building
April 16, 9:00 a.m. to noon at the Hollidaysburg Municipal Building
April 23, 9:00 a.m. to noon at Discovery Garden, Legion Park

The Discovery Garden is a project of the Skills Foundation, which provides programs and supports to people with intellectual disabilities and mental illness. One of the Skills Foundation's programs is the Horticultural Therapy program at Discovery Garden. The program provides opportunities for people with intellectual disabilities to be involved in their community while experiencing the benefits of horticultural therapy such as exercise, socialization, improving gross and motor skills and lessening anxiety.

To register for classes, contact Patricia Duron at the Hollidaysburg Municipal Office at (814) 695-7543 ext. 301.



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CITIZEN OF THE YEAR 2015

Geraldine "Gerry" Hill Pontzer of 716 Walnut Street was the recipient of the 2014 Citizen of the Year Award.

Ms. Pontzer has been a resident of Hollidaysburg since 1968 when she married Dr. Peter Pontzer. Gerry has been and continues to be a very active member of this community. Ms. Pontzer is the eighth person to receive this award in the Borough of Hollidaysburg. Shown below are Councilman Joseph Dodson, Ms. Pontzer, & Mayor John Stultz.



SNOW SHOVELING



With the continuing winter weather, please be considerate of your neighbors and remember to shovel sidewalks **within 24 hours** of the end of a snowfall event.

The buildup of snow and ice on sidewalks can be dangerous for pedestrians of any age, and Borough Ordinance requires residents to maintain a **30 inch pathway free of snow**.

The Borough appreciates your cooperation with keeping the sidewalks safe by complying with the Borough's Ordinance!

WINTER WEATHER PROCEDURES

In the event of a heavy snowfall, Mayor Stultz will make a snow emergency declaration to begin at either 8:00 AM or at 8:00 PM.

The Borough will institute the **odd-even** parking designation during snow emergencies and **ONLY** during those times.

If the snow emergency begins at **8:00 PM** (in the **EVENing**), vehicles must be parked on the **EVEN**-numbered side of the street; if at **8:00 AM** (**morning**), cars must be moved to the **odd-numbered** side of the street.

The objective is to achieve bare pavement on all Borough streets within 36 hours after a snowfall has ended.

Snow emergencies will be announced on local media and on www.hollidaysburgpa.org.

Please remember that **ANY** vehicle that violates the parking regulations imposed by a snow emergency **WILL BE TOWED AT OWNER'S EXPENSE.**

Remember, odd-even parking restrictions are only in effect when a Snow Emergency has been declared!

According to Borough Ordinance, **all property and business owners** must clear all sidewalks of snow within **24 hours** of the end of a snow event!



SLEDDING REMINDERS

To accommodate the popular wintertime activity of sledding, during times of significant snowfall, Spruce Street will be closed between Bella & Bell Streets (the "double dips") to allow for sledding between **8:00 AM and 10:00 PM**. There should be no sledding after 10:00 PM.

Remember that the street will **only be closed** when there is a significant snowfall, not every day in the winter.

Parents, please remind children of this precaution!



STREET SWEEPING SCHEDULE FOR 2015

| | WEEK #1 | WEEK #2 | WEEK #3 | WEEK #4 |
|------------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| APRIL | 30th - 2nd | 6th - 10th | 13th - 17th | 20th - 24th |
| MAY | 6th - 8th | 13th - 15th | 20th - 22nd | 27th - 29th |
| JULY | 1st - 2nd | 8th - 10th | 15th - 17th | 22nd - 24th |
| SEPTEMBER | 2nd - 4th | 9th - 11th | 16th - 18th | 23rd - 25th |



Daylight Saving Time Ends on Sunday, March 8th at 2 AM.

Remember to turn your clock ahead one hour before going to bed on Saturday, March 7th!

BOROUGH OFFICES CLOSED

THE BOROUGH
OFFICES **WILL BE**
CLOSED ON

MONDAY, FEB 16TH

IN OBSERVANCE OF
PRESIDENT'S DAY

PHOENIX VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY NEWS



The Phoenix Volunteer Fire Company, located at 206 Wayne Street, announces their annual **Friday Fish Fries**. Dinners will be prepared at the station beginning Friday, February 20th, 2015 and will run through Good Friday, April 3rd, 2015.

Fish dinners will be baked or fried, and include two sides, a roll, dessert and a beverage. Shrimp dinners and chicken tender dinners will also be offered.

The price of the dinners is \$10.00.

For more information, or to place an order, please call the Fire Station at 695-0521.

A **cash drawing** will be held May 2nd. Please see any fire fighter for tickets and details.



LIBRARY NEWS



The Library is proud to introduce free eBooks available on your e-reader, PC, IOS or Android device. Download the free app from www.eSebco.com, go to library.eSebco.com, and login with your Hollidaysburg Area Public Library library card number, login "haplguest" and password "Patron". Questions? Call 814-695-5961 or email hapldirector@atlanticbb.net.

These new eBooks are in addition to those available through Overdrive on the Library's webpage www.hollidaysburglibrary.org. Zineo E-Magazines are now available through our website, too! Click on the Zineo logo on our webpage.

You can now renew books online by creating a free Destiny Quest account using your library card barcode. Go to the library's webpage, click on "Catalogs", select "Hollidaysburg Area Public Library" and then "Create Account."

February's schedule will include:

- ♦ Artwork created by Hollidaysburg High School students to be displayed throughout the library in February.
- ♦ Friends of the Hollidaysburg area Public Library's "Wine, Trivia and More" Fundraiser - Feb 21st - tickets are available at the Library circulation desk for \$20.
- ♦ T.G.I. Friday's Fundraiser - Feb 6th
- ♦ Tech Time - Every Weds
- ♦ Beginning E-Reader Club - Feb 4th & 11th
- ♦ E-Reader Club - Feb 6th & 13th - 1 PM & Feb 18th & 25th - 6:30 PM
- ♦ Focus on Art! Playgroup - Feb 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th
- ♦ Library Girl Scout Troop for ages kindergarten through third grade - Every Tues
- ♦ "Introduction to Scouting" - Feb 10th
- ♦ "Cosmic Treats with Lanika" - Feb 26th
- ♦ Homeschool Book Club - Every Weds
- ♦ Homeschool Chemistry Lab
- ♦ Friends of the Hollidaysburg Area Public Library Monthly Meeting - Feb 5th
- ♦ Monday Crafternoons - Every Mon
- ♦ Wednesday Crafternoons - Every Weds
- ♦ Crafting Club - Every Weds
- ♦ Tablet Time - Every Thurs

- ♦ Lego Club - Every Fri
 - ♦ Mystery and Mayhem Book Club - Feb 10th
 - ♦ Red Binder Serial Book Club - Every Mon - Feb 2nd thru Mar 2nd
 - ♦ Sensory Storytime - Feb 2nd & 3rd
 - ♦ Inspirational Book Club - Feb 18th
 - ♦ Classics Book Club - Feb 12th
 - ♦ The Allegheny Ukulele Collective will host a free Uke Jam and Open Mic - Feb 22nd.
 - ♦ Best of Times Book Club - Feb 26th
- For date, time and details on this month's special guests, visit the **library website** at www.hollidaysburglibrary.org and click on "Calendar of Events".

Programs are also posted on **Facebook** under "Hollidaysburg Area Public Library".

Children must be accompanied by an adult when attending any of the special guest programs.

If you represent a school, summer camp or other organization and would like to schedule a visit, call 695-5961 or email melanie.ramsey@gmail.com.

Library hours:

Mon - Thurs - 9:30 AM - 8 PM

Fri - Sat - 9:30 AM - 5 PM

Sun - 1 PM - 5 PM

Closed - Feb 14th, 15th, & 16th for President's Day

A SUCCESSFUL 2ND ANNUAL SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY FASHION SHOW!

Our 2nd Annual Small Business Saturday Fashion Show was held on Saturday, November 29th.

Thank you to the following businesses for their participation in the event:

Fashions & Models: Calico Cat Gifts, Diamond Bridal, the Locker Room, JEMS Funky Consignments, & JEG Boutique

Hair: Cutting Crew

Makeup: Radiance Day Spa

Décor: "Stuff" Unique Antiques, FINDS Furniture Consignments, Blair Mill Outlet, 321 Gallery

Remember to shop small year round!



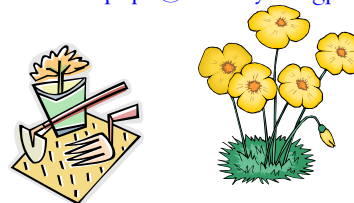
GATEWAY GARDENS TO BE PLANTED

The Borough of Hollidaysburg needs volunteers to help to plant flowers at the Gateway Garden located beside The Dream Restaurant and also the Garden located at North Juniata Street and Allegheny Street.

The Western Pennsylvania Conservancy sponsors both Gardens. Tools and gloves will be provided. Anyone wishing to volunteer his or her time to help to make the entrance into the Borough a little more beautiful is welcome. **Bring a Friend!!!**

Volunteers will meet at the garden near The Dream to plant flowers **at 9:00 AM on Saturday, May 16, 2015**. Work should be completed by noon.

If you have any questions please contact **Rick Pope** at 934-4032 or you may e-mail him at rpope@hollidaysburgpa.org



IRC NEWS



Scan QR code to download the My-Waste App

Free IRC My-Waste App

In an effort to make recycling easier for everyone, the IRC has worked with My-Waste to develop a smart phone app for our area. Exciting features for residents include: the ability to report a missed collection, sign-up for alerts, set a personal recycling calendar, and search for nearby drop-

offs. You may use this feature on your desktop or download the mobile app to your smart phone device.

You can find the app on our website, Google Play, or iTunes.

R&D Compost Facility The R&D Compost Facility located in Duncansville will remain open through spring. The facility will be open Tuesdays from 12 PM - 5 PM. Screened Compost or Screened Mulch will be available for purchase between the hours of 3 PM and 5 PM. No electronics accepted.

Recycling Bins If you still need a recycling bin, you can pick them up at the IRC office, IRC municipal buildings or highway yards. The residential bin distribution event held the

end of October was a rousing success but some residents missed the event.

- Hollidaysburg Municipal Building (401 Blair Street)
- IRC Office at Altoona City Hall (1301 – 12th Street, Suite 8 in the basement)
- Altoona Highway Yard (5010 Sixth Avenue at Commerce Park)
- Logan Township Municipal Building (100 Chief Logan Circle just off 26th Street and Pleasant Valley Boulevard)

Residents should ideally have a bin with a lid for paper recycling and an open bin for bottles and cans. If you have an old damaged bin or a county bin (that says "Blair County Recycles") and

wish to trade it in for a bin that can take a lid, please bring in the bin for a trade-in. Very large households may qualify for a 25 gallon round container.

Lids are limited to one per household for paper recycling. Wheel kits are available for purchase at the IRC office to all residents for \$2.00 while supplies last. If you have questions please call 942-7472 or email kpope@ircenvironment.org.





MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Greetings to you and your family for a healthy, prosperous and Happy New Year.

We are looking forward to an eventful 2015! Many events are scheduled to begin in the Spring and continue through the balance of the year.

During these cold winter months, I would like to suggest you visit our brand new public library, located adjacent to the Senior High School. You will be impressed with what this community treasure has to offer to young and old!

~ Mayor Stultz

A Very Successful Toys for Kids 2014.....270 gifts

were given out to 53 children. The recipients included kids from the Hollidaysburg Area Junior & Senior High, C.W. Longer Elementary and several local residents. A special thanks to all who donated!

A NOTE FROM THE CHIEF

When heading out of town on vacation or leaving for more than a day, please notify the police department.

Make sure that if your vehicle will be parked on the street for the duration of the trip, a nearby relative or a trusted neighbor has a key to the vehicle in case the police department needs it to be moved due to snow or a water break.

Make sure to keep all valuable items out of plain sight and keep the vehicle locked at all times to prevent thefts.



DEDICATION TO TOYS FOR KIDS

Each year in December for the past twenty-five years the Hollidaysburg Police Department has hosted the Toys for Kids program.

Bobbi Carnell, Public Safety Clerk for the borough police department, has played a huge part in this program for 18 years. Ms. Carnell lays the ground work with the Hollidaysburg Area Junior & Senior High Schools, C.W.

Longer Elementary, and several local residents. Bobbi makes contact with the school nurses to obtain a count of children that are not so fortunate at Christmas time.

Over the past eighteen years, there have been 849 children who received gifts through this program. A total of 5,554 gifts were purchased through the

years with generous donations. Ms. Carnell has shopped, wrapped and helped deliver the presents.

Ms. Carnell was recognized at the January 15th Borough Council Meeting for all her assistance, kindness and energy that she puts forth on this project. Shown below are Mayor John Stultz and Ms. Carnell.



BOROUGH MEETING SCHEDULE



Those who may be interested in serving on any of these boards and commissions, should submit a **Volunteer Interest Form** to the Manager's Office.

Volunteer Interest Forms can be found on our webpage:
www.hollidaysburgpa.org.

Borough Council **7 PM**

Feb. 12 March 12

Water Authority **5:15 PM**

Feb. 17 March 17

Sewer Authority **5:30 PM**

Feb. 2 March 2

Planning Commission **5 PM**

Feb. 3 March 3

HARB/HPC **5 PM**

Feb. 5 March 5

Shade Tree Commission **4:15 PM** March 17

Hollidaysburg Area **Arts Council** **2 PM**

Feb. 25 March 25

Borough Meetings are held in Council Chambers.

The Arts Council Meetings are held in the Municipal Building, Conference Room A, second floor.

All meetings are open to the public.



Find meeting agendas at:
www.hollidaysburgpa.org.





WINTERFEST FESTIVITIES WINNERS FOR 2014

Soup Sampling Winners:

1st Place

Knickerbocker Tavern

Pepper Jack Steak Spatzle

2nd Place

Argonne Cafe

Italian Ski

3rd Place

Black Dog Coffee & Catering Co.

Chicken with Wild Rice

Mayors Choice - it's a tie!

US Hotel Tavern

Cream of Tomato

Participation Awards

Main Moon Chinese; Hoss's

Steak & Sea House; The Dream

Capitol Hotel; Prime Sirloin

Buffet; Donut Connection;

Parade Winners:

1st Place (\$100 Prize)

Duncansville Evangelical

Lutheran Church

2nd Place (\$75 Prize)

Chamberlain Family Float

3rd Place (\$50 Prize)

Boy Scout Troop 34;

Hicks United Methodist Cub

Scout Pack 30; &

Toys for Tots—Marine Corps

Thank you to all participants of the 2014 Winterfest Parade!

Also a special thanks to the Harry Slep III Family & First Presbyterian Church of Hollidaysburg for donating our beautiful Christmas tree.

A big thanks to everyone who supported these events to make Winterfest 2014 great fun for the community!

Winterfest, and other year-round events in Hollidaysburg are brought to you by the Hollidaysburg Community Partnership. A full schedule of 2015 events will be available beginning mid-February at www.hollidaysburg.org.



SPRING BRUSH PICKUP IN THE BOROUGH TO BEGIN IN APRIL



The Borough will begin Spring Brush Pickup this year in **April**. Pickup will begin on **Monday, April 6, 2015** and continue **EACH WEEK** through **Tuesday, May 19, 2015**.

Throughout that time, Borough workers will pick up and haul away compostable waste such as: dead leaves, dead plant material, tree and brush trimmings and branches up to 3" in diameter and 6' in length. Brush and branches must be bundled with string or twine. Please do not use wire to bundle. Items that will not be picked up are: stone, garbage, gravel, dirt, junk, and appliances.

Borough crews will pick up all brush and bags on the **East side of Penn Street** every **Monday** and items will be picked up on the **West side of Penn Street** every **Tuesday**.

If your items were not set out in time or they were missed, they will be picked up the **FOLLOWING WEEK**. Items

must be placed curbside by 7:00AM, and the only alley pickups will be **Sweet Cherry Court** in Holliday Hills.

For the rest of the summer, the pickups will take place on the **MONDAYS AND TUESDAYS OF THE SECOND AND THE FOURTH WEEK OF EACH MONTH**.

PICKUP WILL NOT OCCUR EACH WEEK AS HAPPENS IN THE SPRING BRUSH PICKUP!

Pickup dates are also available at www.hollidaysburgpa.org



| MONTH | WEEK #2 | | WEEK #4 | |
|-----------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| | MONDAY | TUESDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY |
| JUNE | 8TH | 9TH | 22ND | 23RD |
| JULY | 13TH | 14TH | 27TH | 28TH |
| AUGUST | 10TH | 11TH | 24TH | 25TH |
| SEPTEMBER | 14TH | 15TH | 28TH | 29TH |

The Borough of Hollidaysburg & The Hollidaysburg Community Partnership present...



Allegheny Street Cruise-In & Sidewalk Sale Friday, May 29th 2015

Cruise-In Event 6pm-9pm

With entertainment by the Fabulous Flashbacks

Sponsored By:

PAUL J. DE LONGIS & ROBERT M. BAINEY
Financial Advisors



RBC Wealth Management

**Dash Plaques – Door Prizes – Food –
Special Awards – Shopping & More!**

All vehicles 1972 and older welcome to Cruise-In on a first-come basis.

Entry to Cruise-In beginning at 5pm for participating vehicles.

Visitors traveling to the event in non-participating vehicles may park free in the Blair County Parking Deck on the corner of Union & Mulberry Streets

Call 696-0544 or visit www.hollidaysburg.org for more information.



A NEWSLETTER FOR HOLLIDAYSBURG BOROUGH RESIDENTS & FRIENDS

FEBRUARY 2015



Hollidaysburg Borough
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Phone: 695-7543 Fax: 696-0636
Borough Manager James Gehret
manager@hollidaysburgpa.org

WE'RE ON THE WEB: HOLLIDAYSBURGP.A.ORG

GUIDE TO BOROUGH GOVERNMENT & OFFICES 2015

Borough Council

Ward 1 Joseph A. Pompa
207 Hickory Street, 693-1819
1/1/2016

Ward 2 Joseph R. Dodson
522 Wayne St, 695-4657
12/31/2017

Ward 3 Patrick J. Plummer
PO Box 621, 695-4370
1/1/2016

Ward 4 Matthew J. Stultz
715 Hickory St, 695-4463
12/31/2017

Ward 5 Mark L. Shawley
1309 Walnut Street, 695-4170
1/1/2016

Ward 6 Stephanie Wertz
318 Bedford St., 696-3882
12/31/2017

Ward 7 Richard A. Scholton
4 Belair Circle, 695-2178
1/1/2016

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12/31/2017

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12/31/2017

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Solicitor Nathan W. Karn, Sr.

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Fire Marshal David A. Zeek

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Richard T. Pope

Director of Water Department
Richard T. Pope

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Christine Liebal

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Joyce A. Lowe (Alternate)
Robert P. Rea (Attorney)
Jennifer Carr (Recording Secretary)

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David A. Zeek 414-5499
Joel Koss 695-0174
Christopher Foster 696-4131
Patrick J. Plummer 695-4370

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A. Paul Plummer
Ann M. Andrews
Timothy Baranik (Alternate)
John Little (Alternate)
Patricia J. Duron (Recording Secretary)

Planning Commission

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Harold Burket
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Dave Macharola Andrew Haines
Sondra Kranich Maggie Steinbeiser
James Gehret Holly O'Connor
Harold Burket
Jessica A. Oswald (Recording Secretary)

HPC

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Joseph Dodson Maggie Steinbeiser
Andrew Haines James Gehret
Dave Macharola Robin Havens Tate
Sondra Kranich Vacant
Vacant

IRC (Borough Reps)

James Gehret Patrick J. Plummer

IRC Executive Director

John Frederick, 942-7472

Vacancy Board

Timothy M. Baranik

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Patricia J. Duron

